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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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1. claims: 1-5,11-13

Interconnect comprising a magnet

2. claims: 6-10,24

Interconnect for connecting fabric materials and comprising a magnet

3. claims: 14-19

Interconnect comprising an electromagnet

4. claims: 20-23

Method for controlling a device
